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SUBJECT: DRC MEETING JULY 1, 1975

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SUMMARY: DURING JULY 1, J1975 MEETING, DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR SPRING DEFENSE REVIEW. ACTING CHAIRMAN BRABAND ASKED REPS TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS ON ACTIONS WHICH THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE (DPC) PERMREPS SHOULD TAKE REGARDING MILITARY IMPOIICATIONS OF REOPENING THE SUEZ CANAL. DRC WILL RESUME DISCUSSION OF BOTH SUBJECTS DURING NEXT MEETING,WHICH INTERNATIONAL STAFF(IS) HAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF JULY 14. END SUMMARY.

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1. ALTERNATIVE PROCEUDRES FOR THE SPRING DEFENSE REVIEW. ACTING CHAIRMAN BRABAND SAID IS HAD DONE SOME "FURTHER THINKING" ABOUT SPRING REVIEW SINCE LAST DRC DISCUSSION (REF A), BUT HAS NOT YET PREPARED TO OFFER SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS. U.S. REP (DF LEGERE),

AFTER CITING RESERVATIONS WHICH SOME REPS EXPRESSED DURING PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS OF U.S PROPOSAL FOR A SPRING REVIEW ((REF A), SAID DRC WOULD BE REMISS IF IT DID NOT REVIEW INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS EFFECTIVELY. HE SAID THAT EXISTING AND PROJECTED ECONOMIC CONSTRAINTS REQUIRED THAT ALLIES SHOW PROGRESS IN COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS IF THEY ARE TO ACHIEVE GOALS ESTABLISHED BY THE LONG-RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT IN 1975 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. NETHERLANDS REP (CARSTEN) AGREED.

2. UK REP (LEGGE) AGREED WITH NEED FOR IMPROVED COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS, BUT DISPUTED "FORMAL REQUIREMENT" FOR AN "AUTOMATIC" SPRING REPORT. REPEATING PREVIOUS COMMENTS ABOUT LONDON'S DISPLEASURE WITH THE 1975 AD-70 SPRING REPORT (REF A), HE RECOMMENDED THAT DRC WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE DECEMBER 1975 MINISTERIAL MEETING TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT HAD SUFFICIENT SUBJECT MATTER TO DEVELOP A SPRING REPORT THAT WOULD BE USEFUL TO MINISTERS. U.S. REP DISAGREED. HE SAID SUPPORTING AND COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS ARE BECOMING AS IMPORTANT AS SUBJECTS COVERED DURING FALL REVIEW AND THAT TIME HAS COME FOR A "REGULAR" REVIEW OF THESE PROGRAMS EACH SPRING. HE CAUTIONED REPS AGAINST WAITING UNTIL DECEMBER TO DEVELOP SUCH A REVIEW PROCEDURE.

3. FRG REP (CAPT WELZ) REPEATED BONN'S PREFERENCE FOR A SINGLE, COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO DEFENSE MINISTERS EACH DECEMBER (REF A), BUT EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SPRING REPORT FOR THOSE SUBJECTS WHICH IS MIGHT NOT HAVE TIME TO INCORPORATE IN FALL REPORT. HE SAID SPRING REPORT SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE A "CHECKLIST" OF ACTIONS TAKEN AND ACTIONS REMAINING TO IMPROVE AD-70 RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. IN CONCLUDING REMARKS, ACTING CHAIRMAN BRABAND SAID DRC WOULD CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF SPRING REVIEW DURING FUTURE MEETINGS AND EMPHASIZED HIS DESIRE THAT DRC DEVELOP REVIEW PROGRAM WHICH PROMOTES POSITIVE ACTION RATHER THAN MANY REPORTS WHICH ARE SIMPLY "FILED AWAY."

5. IMPLICATIONS OF THE REOPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL. UNDER ANY  
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OTHER BUSINESS, ACTING CHAIRMAN BRABAND CITED PARA 3 OF SYG LUNS' COVER NOTE TO SUEZ STUDY (C-M(75)12(REVISED)) (REF B), WHICH STATES, "IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS IN PARAGRAPH 39 OF THIS REPORT WILL BE FURTHER EXAMINED BY THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE". BRABAND SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHY SYG LUNS HAD REFERRED MATTER TO DPC BUT SAID DRC WOULD CONSIDER QUESTION OF WHAT DPC SHOULD DO WITH REPORT DURING NEXT MEETING. UK REP SAID LONDON SAW NO NEED FOR DPC CONSIDERATION OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDED IT BE "QUITELY SHELVED". MISSION COMMENT: WE WILL DRAW FROM REF C GUIDANCE WHEN DRC CONSIDERS MATTER AT NEXT MEETING, WHICH IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF JULY 14. END COMMENT.  
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